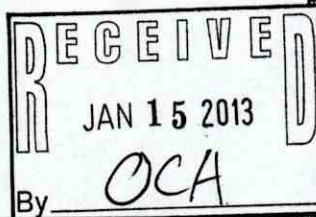




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Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 3:11 PM
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Cc: Hill-Liaison
Subject: FW: Sen. Sessions Fax Manila visas Guam
Attachments: Sen. Sessions Fax Manila visas Guam.pdf

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Thank you for your fax. Can you please provide the passport numbers of the individuals who received visas at the U.S. Embassy in Manila? I will need that information to locate their visa records and discuss the matter further with my colleagues at the Embassy.

In addition, have you reached out to CBP Congressional Relations to review the travelers' refusals at the port of entry? They can be reached at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance to your office or to your constituent. Sincerely,
Tim

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Consular Officer

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To: Hill-Liaison

Subject: Sen. Sessions Fax Manila visas Guam

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Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 7:54 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Sessions)
Subject: RE: Visa Issue
Attachments: Crew Particulars (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Good Morning Ms. Susan,

Thank you for your kind attention.

Here are the names of the 4 Filipino Welders who have received USCIS - CW-1 Visa Approval for Saipan and B1/B2 Visa was approved for them for GUAM.

<u>Name (surname first)</u>	<u>Passport #</u>
1. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
2. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

For ease of reference, I have attached the following :-

- A- Their full particulars in the attached file
- B- Copy of their passport with B1/B2 Visa endorsed
- C -Copy of USCIS Notice of Approval for CW-1 visa for Saipan.

Yours truly,

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Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 2:56 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Visa Issue

Hi Mr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Can you provide the names and passport numbers for the individuals who received visas in Manila? Thanks.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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PARTICULARS OF WELDERS

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1	LAST NAME
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3	MIDDLE NAME
4	DATE OF BIRTH
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6	COUNTRY ISSUING PASSPORT
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Subject: FW: Visa Issue
Attachments: Crew Particulars (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

I am forwarding M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) response to my inquiry regarding the passport numbers for the workers. We appreciate your assistance.

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RECEIPT NUMBER (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		CASE TYPE I129 PETITION FOR A NONIMMIGRANT WORKER
RECEIPT DATE October 19, 2012	PRIORITY DATE	PETITIONER FRONTLINE MARITIME LLC
NOTICE DATE November 26, 2012	PAGE 1 of 2	
FRONTLINE MARITIME LLC C/O (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 11802 WENTWOOD CT DAPHNE AL 36526		Notice Type: Approval Notice Class: CW1 Valid from 12/15/2012 to 12/14/2013 Consulate: MANILA
<p>The above petition has been approved, and notification has been sent to the listed consulate. You may also send the tear-off bottom part of this notice to the worker(s) to show the approval. Please contact the consulate with any questions about visa issuance. THIS FORM IS NOT A VISA AND MAY NOT BE USED IN PLACE OF A VISA.</p> <p>Petition approval does not authorize employment or training. When the workers are granted status upon admission to the United States, they can then work for the petitioner, but only as detailed in the petition and for the period authorized. Please contact the IRS with any questions about tax withholding.</p> <p>If circumstances change, the petitioner can file Form I-824 to have us notify another consulate of this approval. If any of the workers are already in the U.S. the petitioner can file a new Form I-129 to seek to change or extend their status based on this petition. Changes in employment or training may also require a new petition. Include a copy of this notice with any other required documentation.</p> <p>The approval of this visa petition does not in itself grant any immigration status and does not guarantee that the alien beneficiary will subsequently be found to be eligible for a visa, for admission to the United States, or for an extension, change, or adjustment of status.</p>		
Number of Workers: 4		
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The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act established the Office of the National Ombudsman (ONO)		

Please see the additional information on the back. You will be notified separately about any other cases you filed.
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Please tear off portion below and forward it to the alien worker.

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Receipt#: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Case Type: I129
Notice Date: November 26, 2012	Petitioner: FRONTLINE MARITIME LLC
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at the Small Business Administration. The ONO assists small businesses with issues related to federal regulations. If you are a small business with a comment or complaint about regulatory enforcement, you may contact the ONO at www.ombudsman.sba.gov or phone 202-205-2417 or fax 202-481-5719.

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Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 12:50 PM
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Subject: RE: FRONTLINE MARITIME LLC - Question Regarding Visa Issued by US Embassy in Manila.

Good Day Ms. Susan,

I think we desperately need your assistance.

We did not get any response neither from the State Department nor from the US Embassy in Manila .

Summary of our problem is as follows:-

1. The MSC vessels that Maersk Line Limited and FRONTLINE as sub-contractor are involved with are normally stationed in Saipan (CNMI) but they also go to GUAM in between for operational reasons.
2. Our repair team has CW-1 Visa for Saipan (duly approved and issued by USCIS and US Embassy in Manila).
3. Every time when the vessels go to GUAM we have to disembark the repair team and keep them in Hotel until the vessels return to Saipan.
This is costing additional expenses to MSC for wages, hotel, meals and at the same time vessels are lacking maintenance and the productive time is being lost.
4. In order to resolve this issue we requested US Embassy in Manila for B1/B2 Visa for the repair team so that they could remain on the vessel and continue with their work when the vessels go to GUAM.
5. Our application was approved by US Embassy in Manila and B1/B2 Visa was issued to the repair team only for GUAM and under the employment with FRONTLINE.
6. We notified the US Customs and Boarder Protection in GUAM about the B1/B2 visa and asked them if it is OK for the vessel to arrive GUAM with the repair team in possession of business visa (B1/B2).
7. US Customs and Boarder Protection replied that they will not permit the Repair Team in GUAM with B1/B2 Visa because the Officer is of the opinion that we are circumventing the Immigration rules and employment of aliens on US Vessel and in US territory is illegal.

I sent a message to both the US Department of State and the US Embassy in Manila on December 26, 2012 and again a reminder on January 8, 2013 to clarify the following items but unfortunately we did not get any response :-

- A. Whether the circumstances explained above is considered circumventing any rules / regulations ?

- B. If B1/B2 visa is not acceptable in GUAM then why this Visa was approved by the US EMBASSY in Manila ?
C. What help, assistance or guidance can we get to resolve this issue.

The vessel USNS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will be proceeding to GUAM on January 21, 2013 and we have to again disembark the repair team.

For the next 2 months January 21st to March 21st there will be no repair team on the vessel and the maintenance & repair work will be hampered drastically.

This is a US Government project, we are trying to reduce cost and improve efficiency of the vessel but the bureaucratic process is undermining both the above efforts and small business like us is getting hurt in between.

Is there a way to address this issue, particularly - why visa approved by US Embassy in Manila is not agreeable to USCIBP in Guam.

Both MAERSK LINE LIMITED and FRONTLINE as sub-contractor are approved Vendors of MSC and we have done all our application process legally.

I have called several times the US Department of State at the number (202-663-3198) provided for Visa Services and public inquiry but as usual there is no one to talk to there, all pre-recorder messages do not provide any help to resolve our issue. The recorder message says to send an e-mail at " businessvisa@state.gov" .

I regret for this lengthy note but I wanted to give you a clear picture.

Yours truly,

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Sent: Friday, December 28, 2012 8:37 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: FRONTLINE MARITIME LLC - Question Regarding Visa Issued by US Embassy in Manila.

Thank you. I am out of the office but will return on Monday. Please let me know if we can provide assistance. Happy holidays to you!

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